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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION**

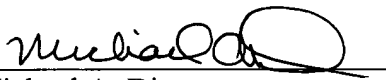
This correspondence is being sent in response to an office communication mailed September 5, 2006 stating that a submission made on July 10, 2006 was not fully responsive to a prior Office Action because the applicant is said to have failed to argue how the newly presented claims were allowable over the prior art. In a telephone conversation with the undersigned, the Examiner confirmed that this "failure" is related to dependent claims 51 and 52, both of which are dependent on claim 1. In response to this communication, applicants state as follows:

Newly presented claims 51 and 52 depend on independent claim 1 and are believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Such reasons were stated in the submission mailed July 10, 2006.

It is believed that this response fully addresses the Office Communication of September 5, 2006, but if it does not, the examiner is urged to contact applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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